

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Sax at the interview held January 5, 2004 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Sklut et al. (U.S. Patent 5,790,119) (Sklut). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As agreed during the personal interview, Sklut does not disclose or suggest, in an image reproducing apparatus having a user interface, a method comprising the steps of presenting a plurality of graphical user interface elements on a display for viewing by an operator, wherein the graphical user interface elements represent parameter setting menus for operational features of the image reproducing apparatus, receiving a selection of one or more of the graphical user interface elements at the user interface in a chronological sequence defined by the operator for a selected imaging job, displaying the selected parameter setting menus in the sequence defined by the operator, and storing the sequence defined by the operator on a storage medium, as recited in independent claim 1.

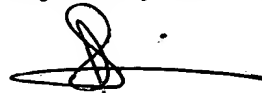
As also agreed during the personal interview, Sklut does not disclose or suggest a computer controlled interface comprising *inter alia* a display for viewing parameter setting menus in a sequence defined by the operator, as recited in independent claim 13, and similarly recited in independent claim 7.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants assert that independent claims 1 and 13, and their dependent claims, define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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